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Spencer 2024-12-20 10:51 AM

Unsure about when this interview took place but it was likely somewhere close to April of 2020 and not before May 14, 2020. It is Snowden Bishop interviewing Judy Mikovitz (uncritically) for Snowden's radio program: The Cannabis Reporter. In the podcast, Mikovitz makes many of the antivax claims she made elsewhere in that same time period (Plandemic was released May 4, 2020 though it wasn't mentioned in this interview). These claims are never challenged by Snowden Bishop on the program.
https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/the-real-threat-of-covid-19-and-how-cannabis-can-help/id1118707725?i=1000487738762

> **The Real Threat of COVID-19 and How Cannabis Can Help**
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> Podcast Episode · The Cannabis Reporter Radio Show Podcast · 2020-04-04 · 1 sec

This is a followup interview that Snowden Bishop did with Judy Mikovitz on that same radio program. This episode was promoted on Twitter by Snowden on May 14, 2020 and likely aired on that day or very shortly before it. Plendemic is not mentioned although many of the same antivax and conspiratorial notions are brought forward by Mikovitz and are, again, completely unchallenged by Snowden Bishop. It is possible that, at some point, Snowden has walked this back and has addressed her part in spreading this misinformation. However, these episodes are still available as part of a podcast series based on her radio program. Snowden could, presumably, have these episodes removed from the feed but has not. This evidence will remain here until there exists some exonerating factor.
https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/retrovirus-research-cannabis-cures-silencing-science/id1118707725?i=1000487738769

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Spencer 2024-12-20 11:10 AM

This is the tweet of Snowden Bishop promoting the second interview with Judy Mikovitz on May 14, 2020. This gives us some information ont he timeline of events related to this piece of misinformation and its spread.
https://x.com/SnowdenBishop/status/1261093909301616640

Snowden Bishop @SnowdenBis · May 14, 2020
Thank you for sharing this. I had a former NIH scientist on my show who said basically the same thing. I'm skeptical of her theory of origin, but her "extinguish the flame" theory —CBD/THC reduces inflammation & autoimmune response— makes perfect sense.
thecannabisreporter.com/the-real-threa...

> **Snowden Bishop (@SnowdenBishop) on X**
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> Twitter • 2020-05-14 6:39 PM

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Snowden Bishop
@SnowdenBishop
As I was saying... the Kremlin and #IRGCterrorists interfered in our election. I'm glad powers that be are publicly acknowledging it. But they aren't to blame for his disqualification. I hope it's true that Dem leaders are working with republicans behind the scenes to enforce the 14th Amendment.
truthaboutjustice @Vraghubir1 · Jan 3
Kamala Harris won the election. The foreign and domestic election interference was deeper than the government is willing to admit. Democrats will have closed door sessions with true Republicans, loyal to our country and notify them. To protect the integrity of our elections ,
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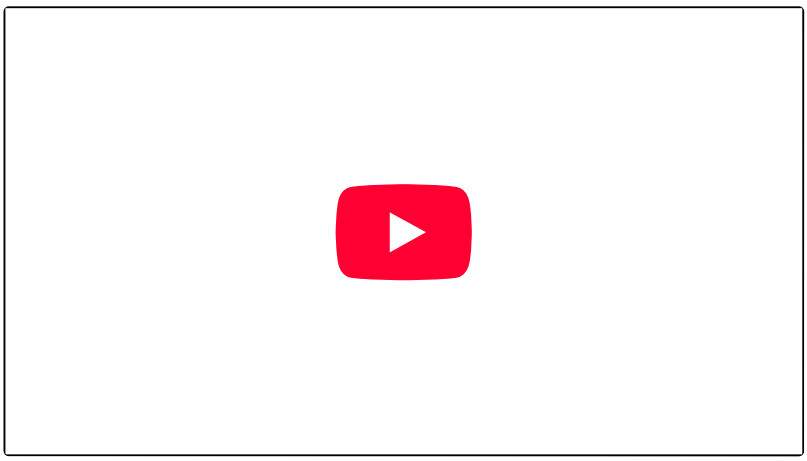
Treasury Sanctions Entities in Iran and Russia That Attempted to Interfere in the U.S. 2024 Election
December 31, 2024
WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is designating a subordinate organization of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and a Moscow-based affiliate organization of the Russian Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) and its director pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13848, the U.S. election interference authority. As affiliates of the IRGC and GRU, these actors aimed to stoke socio-political tensions and influence the U.S. electorate during the 2024 U.S. election. Today's actions build on sanctions previously imposed on the IRGC, the GRU, and their numerous

nicolas c grey 2025-01-06 9:13 AM

Sorry for my absence, been dealing with stuff and such .
It's not ideal that someone is taking screenshots of this server and feeding them back to x . These posts are not disparaging, they are what they are . No one is making personal attacks. I don't understand what is going on with the whole situation, it's very confusing. In case anyone is interested, snowdon was directly confronted about Jim on a space, but avoided the topic. It's a strange time in America, no doubt, and people are dealing with things in different ways. I'm cut out from most of the communities I was once apart of , and it's sad to see it spill over to discord , where, maybe foolishly , people think there is some privacy in what people talk about. Anyway, here is the link . https://youtu.be/QWiutGln9co?si=LxURxmGHRs2Peuot

> nicolas c grey

X space , people not talking about Jim Stewartson



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IntotheStewniverse 2025-01-06 9:54 AM

I remember this; this is Steven from our Thursday spaces.

amber4341 2025-01-06 9:58 AM

Do we know who is taking discord screenshots?

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Spencer 2025-01-06 5:03 PM

Right now I'm less concerned with knowing who is taking screenshots of this discord server and more concerned with simply making sure whatever we do here is straightforward enough, neutral enough, and justified enough that it doesn't matter who may see it. The point of this will be to show people that the things they do and say matter. Ultimately it will be up to those people to decide whether that will change their behavior.

I laid it out in the "Read Me First" channel. This is not about dogpiling or swarming or intimidating anybody into or out of anything. It's about slowly and systematically applying pressure to change the behavior of people. In some cases that will be changing who they follow so that a disinformation source has fewer followers or avenues of influence. In other cases it will be changing who someone platforms and how they go about challenging disinformation in the world. I don't say anything to anyone in any conversations, private or not, that I wouldn't say to anyone else in any other conversation. I don't think anyone has done anything *wrong* here.

In summary, I don't think it is anything that's happening *here* that needs to change. If someone doesn't like that someone was called out or reminded of something then we can show them what they could do about that so that it doesn't happen anymore. That's all. Not personal. Not dramatic. Just the facts.

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IntotheStewniverse I remember this; this is Steven from our Thursday spaces.

nicolas c grey 2025-01-06 8:13 PM

No, it was from a 16 hour space Silva once did. Mostly about Jan 6 th. And i agree with Spencer , no one is saying mean things about people or insulting them . It is what it is .

Silvia 2025-01-06 8:18 PM

Wait...hold on Nic. It wasn't a 16 hour space I held and it wasn't about January 6th. It was a variety of different topics that over a 10 hour period and yes at one point, Snowden came in to talk about Lev and his documentary. I don't understand why you keep using my space in the manner you are. It's not the first time you've posted my space.

nicolas c grey 2025-01-06 9:59 PM

Forgive me for getting the details wrong. My YouTube is public, as is the space. I recorded a bit I found interesting. I don't understand what you mean by using it. I recorded a confrontation I found interesting. I made no edits , I made no commentary . What is the issue with people posting spaces on x ? Or recording bits of them onto YouTube?

I don't understand what you mean by using the space, it's just a recording of it .

And I may have posted the clip once in a comment thread. I can't remember. I have nothing personal against snowdon , or Dave , or anyone involved.

It is incorrect that I keep using your space. People play and stream other people public content all the time. The podcast knowledge fight does it, the podcast decoding the gurus does it . It's in the public domain. I didn't even offer any commentary. I simply recorded a section I found interesting.

It has 50 views, so , it's not like many people care anyway.

Musk has made it clear (when he tried to stop the onion from having Alex jones twitter as part of AJs assets , that all the content, including PMs belong to him . Your username and all the content you create on x .

nicolas c grey 2025-01-06 10:17 PM

I reported a lot of people spaces . Sometimes to listen to later, often it's actively encouraged. If you want to deny people access to your spaces , you can just block them .

nicolas c grey 2025-01-07 12:00 AM

You seem to be subscribing a malicious intent on my part, but I don't understand why that assumption is made. I'm aware snowdon is very popular, and people can think what they like regarding politics in the USA. My primary interest is in conspiracy theories dynamics, I have nothing personal against the people who have beliefs that maybe a little different than mine , as I have never been allowed to vote and I'm not a us citizen and have lived in Cambodia for the last 20 years. Anyone can look at my social media accounts, as I use my real name, and I have never posted anything about Dave or Snowden.

@JenniAgitator 2025-01-07 3:56 AM

What's the point of this discord? I'm seeing a lot of topics on fighting disinfo of big disinfo traffickers and I'm very interested in that.

These attacks on people many of us are friends with does nothing in the war against disinformation.

Snowden Bishop is a friend of mine. Holding her to account for an appearance on a podcast 5 years ago, when she's said she used go be conservative, she's had a mea culpa on many issues.

I used to be fiercely GOP in the 1980s; should that be held against me in a gossip discord?

As for someone taking screenshots, which is something I don't do, but that shows at least one other isn't comfortable with piling onto a friend of many of us.

I was interested in fighting back against big disinfo spreaders, but what I'm not interesting in denigrating good people. Snowden Bishop is a very kind and good person.

@JenniAgitator What's the point of this discord? I'm seeing a lot of topics on fighting disinfo of big d...

Spencer 2025-01-07 9:08 AM

Show me where I have attacked anyone you are friends with. What I *have* done is state clearly (with proof) a thing that happened that involved Snowden directly. She has a platform and has allowed it to be used to spread antivaccine disinformation. Whether Snowden knew this at the time or not is irrelevant. The episodes involving Judy Mikovitz are still up and will need to come down.

The simple fact is that with a platform comes a responsibility. Snowden needs to show that responsibility. Those episodes need to come down from that podcast feed. It's not personal. Nothing I've said is personal. I don't intend to allow anyone else to make any personal attacks. This is about creating a process for identifying disinformation and the channels it has used to propagate and close those off.

I'm sorry if you feel that I've attacked your friend. If you would like to talk to me about it directly I am available. If Snowden would like to talk to me about it directly I am available. One wonders why you waited this long to talk about it yourself. Did you not speak up earlier because you thought your thoughts wouldn't matter? For that, I can only plead miscommunication. I think your thoughts *do* matter. What your thoughts and your feelings for Snowden don't do is change the fact that Snowden interviewed Judy Mikovitz *twice* in April and May of 2020, allow for Mikovitz to spread antivax disinformation on that radio program, then subsequently post those programs to a podcast feed which is still active today.

You are not the first person to claim that this is some sort of attack on Snowden. Again, if I have stepped over that line please show me where. It's entirely possible that Snowden was a part of this unknowingly. Mikovitz took advantage of a lot of people. But those people would be doing the world a favor by acknowledging the mistake and speaking out against the disinformation grifter that took advantage of them. Will Snowden do that?

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@JenniAgitator 2025-01-07 9:36 AM

I didn't see it before. I don't check discord much.

I'm looking at her blog. I personally think almost all the holistic, cannabis stuff is bullshit. I disagree with her on a lot of that.

What will you all do if she refuses to take down her old episode with the anti-vaxxer on it?

I'm on record supporting an odious practice for autistic kids called ABA back 12-13 years ago. I haven't gone back and erased anything. It helps me with parents who can see I have tried it and it was awful. That's more valuable than dirty-deleting my past.

Maybe she keeps it up to show that she's progressed.

I'll leave your server. This kind of mob pressure or else stuff isn't for me. People make mistakes, people change over time. I'm too imperfect to be focusing on the imperfections of others.

For me though, my top reason I'm not comfortable attacking her, and that's what this is, is she is also autistic like me. I believe she's a very good person. She deserves better than this middle school mean girl slambook posing as advocacy. I'll leave the server. (edited)

@JenniAgitator I didn't see it before. I don't check discord much. I'm looking at her blog. I personally...

Spencer 2025-01-07 9:45 AM

"Maybe she keeps it up to show that she's progressed. "

I don't deal in maybes. I intend for this process to also have an exonerative component. A person who changes what they do should have that change be recognized. There needs to be a way to walk away from disinformation. If Snowden knows that this is a problem and won't take it down than I (and many others) should rightly assume that she stands by it. And for that matter, if you have had a platform that was used by a grifter to spread disinformation I hope you either take it down or add comments to it that explain why you think it shouldn't be. Do you want people to listen to it and come to the wrong conclusion?

There is a simple fact here that will be a difficult pill for some to swallow. Some people have engaged in a toxic fashion online. Some have justified that by saying they were doing it for the correct side of an issue. But that doesn't negate the toxicity. You cannot show that I have insulted your friend (even though you accused me of it). You tried to exert social force to get this removed. That has now failed. Now you are choosing to leave yourself. I think you should think about this a lot in the future. Who else have you tried to socially punish in support of your friends? Which friends are they? What is it that those friends have *actually* done and is any of that problematic? Have you justified those associations to yourself by saying that they were still fighting for the correct side of an issue?

It could very well be that Snowden is, indeed, a good person as you say. Nothing I've said here negates that possibility. That you can't see that speaks to your bias. Have that bias all you like. But don't bring it here. It doesn't belong.

Deleted User 2025-01-07 11:29 AM
were it only the Mikovits stuff, but I digress.

there wasn't and isn't glyphosate in the vaccines causing autism
there were no "election irregularities" in 2024. No starlink flipping votes, etc etc.
the Russians aren't mind controlling everyone in the United States (Everyone forgot about William F. Buckley/Roger Ailes/Murdoch I guess?)
not everything is "paid disinfo ops"

I'd prefer that the conspiratorial thinking we see from MAGA's not spread to the left, but...that's a big ask?

it's about ideas, not people. not personal.

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@JenniAgitator 2025-01-07 11:39 AM
anyone here could have just approached her and talked about this without doing a long Discord channel about her. I'll leave. That's fine.

And to answer Spencer, no, I've never platformed an anti-vaxxer, or autistic hater, but feel free to google me and make sure I'm not dangerous.

Deleted User 2025-01-07 11:42 AM
they have

i quite like you Jenn, I think you are amazing, so I'll leave it at that

@JenniAgitator 2025-01-07 11:44 AM
And to imply I would, given that I am an autistic person, with 2 autistic children, and advocate for high support needs autistics, it's a real offensive implication. Nobody here is as harmed by vaccine disinfo as autistic people.

Bye all. I'm trying to figure out how to leave myself. Feel free to kick me out; that works for me too.

I quite like you too Nailbomb. This channel is beneath you.

Well, this is embarrassing. No dramatic exit for me. Spencer, will you please remove me? Alas, I'm a luddite who can't figure out how to leave.

Messmer's upper snake 2025-01-07 12:02 PM
I am very confused

What's happening

Messmer's upper snake I am very confused

Spencer 2025-01-07 1:28 PM

I began the process of documenting some of the ways that people have platformed problematic ideas. As such, (as indicated at the top of this thread) I documented two interviews that a person named Snowden Bishop did with Judy Mikovitz in April and May of 2020. In those interviews (the links are available above if anyone wants to listen) Mikovitz makes antivaccine claims. These are not pushed back by Snowden. Later these radio shows were ported to a podcast feed and are still online.

Some people in this discord server know Snowden personally and really like her. A few have accused me of attacking her by doing this. I have, in turn, challenged them to show me which part is an attack. I have said that this isn't personal and that this is about Snowden's responsibility in maintaining her platform. Thus far no one has shown me how this was an attack.

Some people (the friends of Snowden) have even mentioned these exact episodes to Snowden (something I had yet to do) and have asked Snowden to remove them. To date, Snowden has not. If Snowden does remove the episodes I will duly track that she has and this channel will be used to exonerate her of having platformed an antivaxxer rather than being used to point it out.

As for the people who think this is a personal attack I have said what I said above. Show me which part is personal. Anyone can verify easily exactly what I've said because the links are provided above. If people want to protect their friend Snowden the best approach is to talk to Snowden and convince her to make a change. This process will not change, however. I intend to make it a slow, systematic process of showing people their mistakes and either having those people correct course or have them continue to make mistakes. And everyone connected to them will also need to make choices about how that comes together. The bottom line is that the truth is the truth. Attempting to ignore it because you like somebody is part of how we got here in the first place.

Ellethejambo 2025-01-07 1:41 PM

We need to face we're all susceptible to misinformation, especially when it meets our personal biases. We need to be looking within, as well as out to actively fight misinformation.

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Ellethejambo We need to face we're all susceptible to misinformation, especially when it meets our ...

Spencer 2025-01-07 2:23 PM

This is true. And if I ever make a mistake or platform the wrong person I sincerely hope people around me feel that they can tell me that what I did was wrong. We should surround ourselves with people who will correct us rather than people who will encourage us to continue being wrong.

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Ellethejambo We need to face we're all susceptible to misinformation, especially when it meets our ...

Deleted User 2025-01-07 3:07 PM

100 percent.

Spencer 2025-01-08 1:29 PM

@everyone

This (actually very small) item here has caused a *lot* of noise, apparently. Someone (who used to be in this server but chose to leave) has claimed that multiple people are taking screenshots of this conversation and saying... it's unclear what they're saying. Mostly because very few people have said *anything* to me directly. It has been said here that I am "attacking" Snowden here. I have asked in return to for anyone to show me what I have done that is an attack. I get nothing in response.

The *accusation* that this is an attack is *not* proof alone that it is. People seem to imagine that this information is here for some nefarious purpose. Or that I intend to use it in the fashion of an attack of some sort. But none of those people have actually asked me what I intend to do with it. Even I have been unsure exactly what to do with it, to be perfectly honest. I've stated clearly when I started this project that it wouldn't be about public dogpiles. I still think there's a better way and I intend to find it.

That said, what I've said here *is* a thing that happened. The episodes are still up. The disinformation is still there. Someone (in another conversation) has suggested that I should just take it down. Forget about this whole thing. Move on to other things. But what would that say about *me*? If I do that and next month people ask me why I removed the info about Snowden? What am I supposed to tell them? That people I know like her and therefore it's irrelevant information?

And what about the next time there is someone that some people happen to like who has an active channel of influence and has platformed a notorious antivaxxer? Should I also give *them* a pass because people like them? Is that what the people here think this should be about? Should we go about forming lines based on who we like rather than what those people have actually done?

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I said before that someone who was here but left has contacted me and attempted to get me to take this entire channel down. Here's what I told them: if they wanted to be a part of this conversation then they are more than welcome to re-join the server and join this conversation as it's happening. Make the case for why it should be removed. If that case is convincing, then absolutely it will be removed.

But be aware that *I* am not so easily swayed by charisma and a need to avoid strife. I'm what some people might call a zealot for reality. What has *actually* happened matters. And if I were to compromise that principle here then why would anyone believe I wouldn't compromise it somewhere else? So, if you have an argument to make then make it. Leaving this server guarantees you will never sway me about what is here because you will no longer be part of the conversation in which that might happen.

And if your entire effort here is focused on resolving this by having *me* remove *this* rather than

on having *Snowden* remove *her episodes* then you need to ask yourself about your own principles. How badly do you want to *actually* push back against antivaccine disinformation? When the time comes to evaluate these things objectively will you even be able? Also, feel free to screenshot this and show whomever you like. I stand by it here and I'll stand by it everywhere else.

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NewMedia 2025-01-08 10:28 PM

For some clarification -- it was Dave that left this server. And apparently Jenn has left too?

Dave has apparently witnessed the posts firsthand, no one has had to forward them to him.

I think the more diplomatic approach is to leave the BlueAnon group as it is, and remove the Snowden group, because it's not appropriate and harmful to call-out Snowden separately.

If the problem with Snowden is BlueAnon beliefs, those can be posted in that group. However, prior to doing that, I'd remind you that she's taken zero issue with anyone in our group. Unlike the anti-vaxxers, they're **not** attempting to attack our side and they're **not** arguing with people who disagree with them. In addition, she's admitted to being wrong on many BlueAnon items, such as the Starlink conspiracy. So unlike an anti-vaxxer, she's not hell-bent on ignoring counterpoints.

She's also very respectful in the manner in which she communicate with us. She's willing to articulate the evidence for her beliefs and when I explain the counterpoints, she's listened to me, taken notes, and researched them.

She's an autistic woman whose mantra/goal has literally always been "Make he world a better place, one word at a time".

My own personal belief is that she doesn't warrant the degree of emphasis/targeting that's been levied upon her, especially not dedicating an entire channel to her. That same effort could go into helping her see the error of her ways and fixing the issue.

And FWIW, I am against all conspiratorial thinking, Left or Right (and extremes, Left or Right). However, I'm also interested in working to change minds when I see an opportunity to do so. Every now and again we find anti-vaxxers whose minds we change and I find that a productive use of time. This is a similar situation; Snowden is someone who is openminded and will consider alt points of view. She's not hell-bent on "my way or the highway" like the dunning-kruger / anti-science bunch.

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Spencer 2025-01-08 10:37 PM

The issue isn't that she believed in antivax rhetoric. It's that she platformed a *very* notorious antivaxxer *and* that those episodes are still available. Those episodes have to come down. Full stop. Snowden had a responsibility to the information environment and she failed it in the first half of 2020. I accept that it's likely that she was unwitting and that Mikovitz took advantage of

that. But it doesn't absolve Snowden of her *responsibilities* as a person of influence. This should be the standard for everyone in every level of media. If I could, I would hold every twitter account to that standard as well. That's too much so I start here.

But I'm also a little confused by your argument here. Is it that this is merely in the wrong section? Or are you arguing that requiring that these episodes be removed is unnecessary somehow? The degree of emphasis has been minimal, actually. I have only spoken of this here, not anywhere more public. And I've only mentioned the things that *actually happened*. Are you saying that you would leave those episodes online?

Spencer The issue isn't that she believed in antivax rhetoric. It's that she platformed a *very* notoriou...

NewMedia 2025-01-08 10:55 PM

I'm not "arguing" anything. I'm offering what I thought was a constructive opinion.

Snowden has already agreed to remove those and resents that she was taken advantage of by someone with nefarious intent.

I'm not sure how to clarify anything else I've stated because I feel I'd merely be rewriting what I already wrote as it's fairly cear on face value.

If you want to keep a BlueAnon group and add BlueAnon posts to it, great. But why have a group designed for one single person. It's a bit cruel/inconsiderate.

Perhaps I'm the only one that's made past mistakes in my life that I regret, but I'd hate to see someone create an entirely different group to focus on my past mistakes specifically, rather than a group where the objective was fixing the problem without targing individuals. Especially when those individuals are willing to listen and fix their errors.

I had also wanted to make it clear that it was Dave who witnessed these posts firsthand. He was a memeber of this site until a couple days ago when he left.

Earlier it was said that Dave must have received posts from someone else. There is no need. As far as I'm aware, Dave would have read those posts on his own. I alos believe Snowden is still a member of this group.

Spencer Right now I'm less concerned with knowing who is taking screenshots of this discord server ...

krunchymoses 2025-01-09 12:30 AM

Yeah I wouldn't really say anything here that I would be worried about seeing in public but it's definitely good to know that it's possible! Who would be doing that though?!?

edit: nevermind I didn't realise how damn long this thread is - I skimmed it and generally speaking find it baffling that someone would interview Mikovits at all - let alone keep it up after all is said and done. But if they are doing it because they simply haven't got around to deleting said content that's fair enough. But to maintain clicks would be pretty shit.

If someone brought problematic content to my attention I would delete it - but eg I might

delete the podcast ep but forget to delete off youtube. Shit can be a bit nuanced.

Either way - pick yer battles is my advice. (edited)

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Spencer 2025-01-09 5:27 AM

Snowden told you she would delete the episodes? That's excellent news. Did she tell you when that might happen? We're approaching 5 years since she did the interviews. Once she has them down I'll properly record that she did that and this little matter can be put to bed. How long do you think it will take? (edited)

Spencer Snowden told you she would delete the episodes? That's excellent news. Did she tell you wh...

NewMedia 2025-01-09 6:22 AM

I believe Dave and Snowden were in a space and the topic arose that she had done an interview with Mikovits. Snowden wasn't aware of the issues. Someone clarified that Mikovits is horrible and Snowden apologized for it and said she would remove them.

I don't have some special insight into her process, but you're more than welcome to contact her to ask. As an aside, I resent the passive-aggressive approach that places the onus on me as her keeper.

This is also a strawman to avoid my original, single point: that if someone from the pro-science side is doing something wrong, by all means, highlight that in a group. Don't create a group solely to attack one single person. Particularly not someone willing to listen and apologize or change their views once made aware of the issues.

Perhaps you're perfect and you've never made any mistakes in your life. Perhaps when you're alerted of your mistakes you have nothing else in your life that stops you from immediately rectifying. That's great, you're better than all of the rest of us and I congratulate you on that.

However, the bulk of the word has plenty of turnoil behind-the-scenes of socila meida -- and there is no reason to be cruel to people that have no negative intentions but simply make the same sort of mistakes that **most of us have made** albeit in different areas of our lives, etc.

At the end of the day, Snowden is a good person whose made mistakes and still a member of this group unless I'm mistaken. Prior to a few days back, Dave was also a member of a this group and viewed these posts firsthand.

...While we're talking about apologizing or making-up for our mistakes, it would be a good idea to apologize for the claim that someone was nefariously screenshots from this group, when that clearly was not the issue. Dave was a member here and witnessed those posts firsthand.

NewMedia I believe Dave and Snowden were in a space and the topic arose that she had done an int...

Spencer 2025-01-09 6:34 AM

A couple of things:

The insinuation is being made that this is some kind of attack on Snowden's person or character. I'm still waiting for people to show me where I've done that. As I've said repeatedly, I have reported here what has actually happened.

As for why I create channels that directly target individuals, this is done because individuals create, disseminate, and amplify disinformation. To say that one individual tweet is the summation of a person's entire point of view would, indeed, be a strawman argument. But if a collection of tweets over time repeatedly show a pattern of disinformation then this is something worth mentioning.

I understand that you're not her keeper. But you have spoken in defense of her here so I ask you about what you know of the situation. I very much want to know. I haven't contacted Snowden yet. I didn't even after I found the info I posted above. I was hoping to check into a few more things first. I'm not quick to judge people. I want to make sure I understand as much of the context as possible. *That* this happened is not in dispute. *What* to do about it seems to be.

Claiming that I'm a paragon of virtue is, itself, a strawman argument. I know that I am not and because of that I attempt to surround myself with people who will tell me that I'm wrong when it happens. It's an important part of this work.

I will quote you now: " and there is no reason to be cruel to people that have no negative intentions"
Again, show me where the cruelty happened. Point it out. We live in a social space where proof is needed. Show me the proof of the cruelty you claim is occurring.

Again, a quote: "Dave was also a member of a this group and viewed these posts firsthand"
This is the third time you've mentioned this and no one has asked you about it. I don't care that anyone took screenshots of this. Nothing I say here is sacrosanct. I have been consistent about this. Why is it an important point for you?

NewMedia 2025-01-09 6:48 AM

1. You've misunderstood. I never claimed you attacked Snowden's character; I have no idea whether you did or didn't. **My sole point** was that it was cruel to create a group for one single person when the issues involves multiple people and there is no need to highlight smoeone from pro-science group individually. You can disagree with that, by all means, but please don't fabricate my intent or claim.

2. I've explained about where the information originated. If you'd like more information and consider yourself a critical thinker, please reach out to obtain first hand information rather than asking for third-party opinions.

3. I didn't claim you're a "paragon of virtue". I stated that perhaps you are, and if so -- good for you. However, the point is that while you may (or may not be) ... The rest of the world is

imperfect. The best we can hope for is that people are willing to change their minds. Snowden has explicitly made statements publicly that she has changed her mind on certain points and feels regret on other points. Perhaps you should speak to her before you single-her-out or post 4 y/o interviews that leave the reader with a very negative view of Snowden that doesn't match het intent.

4. Your Quote *"Again, show me where the cruelty happened. Point it out. "* -- I was **extremely clear** that I was referring to singling her out and creating an entirely separate group about her. **I never suggested anything beyond that.** Please stop attempting to conflate my points with others or intentionally misreading what I've written for sake of argument.

5. Quote *"This is the third time you've mentioned this and no one has asked you about it. I don't care that anyone took screenshots of this."* -- That's false. The entire reason I replied here is because it was implied there is a mole/someone sharing screenshots from this group. In reality, the person that took issues with the screenshots was a member of this group and that statement was false.

NewMedia 1. You've misunderstood. I never claimed you attacked Snowden's character; I have no ide...

Spencer 2025-01-09 7:05 AM

Pointing out that Snowden interviewed Mikovitz is cruel? I also have a channel about Mikovitz herself to be sure that the actual things *she* has done are kept in one place. Is that also cruel to do that to Mikovitz? Is it unfair to single out Mikovitz also? Or only unfair to do it to Snowden?

You would prefer that I talk to Snowden rather than do this. Okay. But I had no reason to talk to Snowden until I looked into this. And once I looked into it I felt (as I have said several times) that I should look deeper before jumping to conclusions about anything related to it. Not sure if you can tell from any of the words I've used but I've only ever said exactly what was done (that Snowden interviewed Mikovitz twice and that the episodes are still available). I've never given any judgement or smear or insult or engaged in any trashing or pile-on about her because of this. Nor have I done so for any other reason or in any other place or context. Pointing out the actual things people have done by itself cannot be cruel.

It's great that Snowden regrets this. But I can't see that and many others also cannot when they find this. So we need to find a way not only to document what people have done that spreads disinformation but also a way to document when they retract that and the steps they have taken to remove it and stop the disinformation from spreading. Both are important. It's like having a front page story about how the election was stolen and the retraction isn't even published it's just talked about in the office. It needs to at least be documented somewhere even if only on page 9.

People with platforms need to be held responsible for those platforms. Regardless of how many other good things they may have done since. And that I have people that can't seem to agree with that really bothers me.

NewMedia 2025-01-09 7:10 AM

Please stop attributing things to me that are not my original point. I didn't claim that "Pointing out that Snowden interviewed Mikovitz is cruel" but you're reframing it that way for argument's sake.

I made two single points which you've attempted to twist multiple times now. If you want to argue the specific points I made, please, by all means. If not, please stop attempting to twist my words.

My original points:
1. If there is a group you have already, that covers a topic, why create a separate channel named after a single user; why not simply add them to that group of people doing the same.
2. No one nefariously shared content from this discord server. The person (Dave) that had screenshots, was a member with access to those screenshots on his own. It also appears Snowden is a member and she's also have access.

If your retort is not directly related to one of thse points, my sole points, then please -- your issue is not with me.

Ellethejambo 2025-01-09 7:20 AM

Oh ffs, we can and should hold ourselves to a higher standard. I don't know Snowden or much about any of this beef, but we cant refer to ourselves as pro science if we ourselves are spreading misinformation. I digress, this is the main reason I keep myself to myself and don't consider myself as part of any community but rather speak to people I've built relationships with.

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NewMedia 2025-01-09 7:32 AM

I agree with you, Ellen. We should hold ourselves to a higher standard. We should also recognize the difference between people accidentally spreading misinformation and willing to course-correct (especially when they agree with the pro-science approach), versus the nutbags we spend 90% of our time fighting for sake of Public Health / Anti-Fascism, etc.

For example, Ben Marble and Snowden are not equals. Snowden is someone on our side that made mistakes **and is willing to correct them**, while Ben Marble deserves to be arrested for violent threats against Dr. Hotez (at a minimum).

@krunchymoses said it best "pick your battles". When we run into people that make mistakes and are willing to learn from them, especially when they're not promoting anti-public-health / anti-science measures typically -- let's try to help them see the error of their ways. And let's engage them directly.

If they don't see the error of their ways, by all means, highlight the posts among the others of similar nature. However, let's not be so cruel as to call anyone out **who has not done anything**

to threaten/intentionally harm any of us ...a person that invests dozens of hours every week specifically to advocate for our side.

Yes, we should hold members of our group to a higher standard. Yes, should call-out anything that is not based in fact; yes we should try to help those people in our group. And Yes, we should take the most considerate approach to doing that because we have no idea what someone is going through, off-twitter. And ... if the person is a good-hearted person, let's start with speaking to them first, to fix the problem constructively, rather than exacerbating the issue or alienating them. (edited)

NewMedia Please stop attributing things to me that are not my original point. I didn't claim that "Poi...

Spencer 2025-01-09 7:41 AM

1. I made channels about indoviduals because individuals create a slow, building totality of content (in small dribbles over time on social media) that collectively tell a tale about disinformation they create and disseminate. I also create them because I would like to create simple and concise arguments for exactly why we might say one person shouldn't be followed or engaged with. I make that argument openly about Jim Stewartson. His currently pinned tweet claims that there is an agreement between the US and Russia to allow each other to take over other nations. This claim is, of course, without evidence. By itself it could be dismissed. But taken in greater context of the many, many other unreal and fear-inducing pieces of disinformation that Stewartson creates it becomes a thing that should be countered. Snowden Bishop has very often been linked to Stewartson content. Appearing in spaces with him as a speaker. Openly defending him. I didn't add her to the effort until I saw the Mikovitz interviews. Those were beyond the pale and needed to be addressed.

2. I don't care that anyone has screenshotted things from this server. I have not mentioned Dave nor have I complained about any of the screenshots. In fact I have said the opposite. Screenshot away. Screenshots will never be stopped. If I feel the need (and it's approaching that place now) I will segregate the working groups so that they cannot see each other's work. If this project grows too large to contain such an effort I will move one of the working groups to another discord server entirely and never the tween shall meet. It would be too bad because, as can be clearly shown here, they have overlap that needs to be addressed.

NewMedia I agree with you, Ellen. We should hold ourselves to a higher standard. We should also rec...

Spencer 2025-01-09 7:46 AM

"and is willing to correct them"
Please show me where I can find the correction for these mistakes. If this is a person I might be allied with then when someone else tries to tell me that working with her is problematic due to her interviews with Mikovitz I want to have more in my toolbox than "I talked to her and she said it's okay now." We deal in a world of proof. If that proof doesn't exist then maybe we can create it by documenting things ourselves. Welcome to the process.

"who has not done anything to threaten/intentionally harm any of us"
One could easily make the same statement about Judy Mikovitz herself. Again, please tell me why a channel highlighting what Snoweden's part is is cruel but a channel documenting what Mikovitz did is not. If a person played a part in spreading disinformation and that

disinformation is still available then their part is relevant. People with platforms need to take responsibility for those platforms. This has always been my unswerving stance on this.

"And ... if the person is a good-hearted person, let's start with speaking to them first, to fix the problem constructively, rather than exacerbating the issue or alienating them. "
I do not know Snwden. I do not know anything about how kindhearted she is or about any of the other things she has said or done about this. Let's document those things so that we can move forward with this. But please don't just expect me to take anyone's word for it.

NewMedia 2025-01-09 7:50 AM

I have not taken issue with **you** specifically saying screenshots are a problem. There was a suggestion that they were being shared nefariously.

I wanted to correct the misunderstanding; Dave was a member here and Snowden appears to still be a member. No one needs to pass along screenshots, they're able to see them on their own.

None of your points appear to be related to my concerns, but rather, happen to be conflated with other statements you've attributed to me.

I don't expect you to take anyeone's word for anything. Snowden is in this group. Reach out to her. Share your concerns. As you said, I'm not her keeper.

I'm also not sticking-up for Snowden alone; I'm sticking-up for anyone in the pro-science group that makes mistakes. We're not MAGA where we jump on one another because of something as insane as H1B visa's or whether we'll deump the Speaker of the House because he refuses to deny the election was rigged.

We're better than that. When we sense an issue in our ranks, we try to work it out like adults. We don't attempt to make the matter worse and, as science-minded professionals, we beleive in critical thinking over emotion. Therefore, we go directly to the source before we trust/parrot something we've heard.

Please .. if this issue truly is important to you .. do that. Seek the evidence and share it.

Spencer 2025-01-09 7:59 AM

"I don't expect you to take anyone's word for anything."
You, however, appear to have taken *Snowden's* word on this exact thing and have informed me of it and have also expected me to stop talking about this because (in your words) doing so is cruel. I have not been cruel. I have not been personal. This has always been about removing the disinformation.

"We're better than that. When we sense an issue in our ranks, we try to work it out like adults. We don't attempt to make the matter worse and, as science-minded professionals, we beleive in critical thinking over emotion. Therefore, we go directly to the source before we trust/parrot something we've heard."

Taking Snowden at her word because you like her *is* the emotional response you are claiming to be against here. Instead, we should document the effort she has taken to walk this back and to stop the spread of the disinformation that she was (knowingly or otherwise) part of spreading.

Please .. if this issue truly is important to you .. do that. Seek the evidence and share it."
I have the evidence. I'm listening to the episode right now. What I don't have evidence of if the effort to stop it. I have people *claiming* that it happened and that Snowden is really, really (really) sorry but that's all it amounts to. Claims. I don't see Snowden's name on the list of members. If she's here than she can speak up. I've said many times that I would like to speak with her about this. I wanted to wait to see if there was more to find before I did so. Now that this has come up so loudly I'll have to talk to her with what I have now (if she is willing to do so).

Spencer "I don't expect you to take anyone's word for anything." You, however, appear to have taken ...

NewMedia 2025-01-09 8:06 AM

No, I haven't taken Snowen's word for anything. I've provided you with information I observed firtshand. I never claimed she deleted anything, I explained that she regretted something and agreed she would remove it.

Sharing what I heard her say in a group where this was presented, is not the equivalent of believing something and I'm not doing anything on emotion. I'd take the same position for anyone else, no matter how little I knew them, because I have a code about treating people in the pro-science group as fairly as possible until it becomes clear that there is no mistake or potential to change their minds.

Clearly you're interested in arguing for arguments sake. Her Discord account is here in this list (her discord doesn't match her twitter account). I recommend you write her privately to discuss your concerns.

As this is clearly a very important issue to you, I'm sure you'll invest the proper time and care to get the interviews removed and constructively help Snowden understand the error of her ways.

I have zero interest in arguing for argument's sake, so I'll bow out and wish you the best.

NewMedia No, I haven't taken Snowen's word for anything. I've provided you with information I obser...

Spencer 2025-01-09 8:35 AM

"No, I haven't taken Snowen's word for anything. I've provided you with information I observed firtshand. I never claimed she deleted anything, I explained that she regretted something and agreed she would remove it."
You haven't taken her word for it but you feel it's pertinent to report that she *said* she would remove it. I don't know how to tell you that these statements are directly contradicting each other so I'll just leave this here until you understand the point.

"Clearly you're interested in arguing for arguments sake. Her Discord account is here in this list (her discord doesn't match her twitter account). I recommend you write her privately to discuss your concerns."

I'm interested in hearing the arguments that counter my view. I don't do this for fun. When the counterarguments are unconvincing I point out the way in which they are so in the hope that maybe they can be clarified and become *more* convincing. This has not happened here.
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I think it's important to state clearly what is being suggested. That the *act* of pointing out that this happened so that it can be discussed and looked into and added upon (if anything else is found which, to date, has not been) *is* the offense. The *act* of *mentioning* this *is* the thing that you suggest I should have not done. In favor of... talking to Snowden about it directly. What if someone else had some other notable thing to add? Then I would be going into the conversation with Snowden less prepared.

Also, Judy Mikovitz is an actual scientist. What if everyone took this approach with her? What if that's one reason why it took longer than it should have to get the word out about *her* disinformation? What if that approach is part of what got Snowden into this mess in the first place? Advocating (as you have) for an approach in which each of us as individuals must individually deal with the massive amount of information we need to wade through to understand the world is what will lead all of us eventually to get something wrong. Advocating (as I have) for having more people giving input before a decision is reached about something is what is more likely to lead to someone pointing out a misstep. You say *this* is a misstep but seemingly only because I posted the information here on a discord server that actually very few people can access. You're saying that *speaking about it at all* is the problem.

NewMedia 2025-01-09 10:02 AM

No, that's not at all what I said. And I've spent an hour attempting to talk you down from your attempt to twist my words, because you clearly are horny to be "right" instead of simply addressing my specific comments.

Being that it's important to you, I'm sure you'll take the time to reach-out to Snowden and get all of the details you're concerned with. Good luck to you.

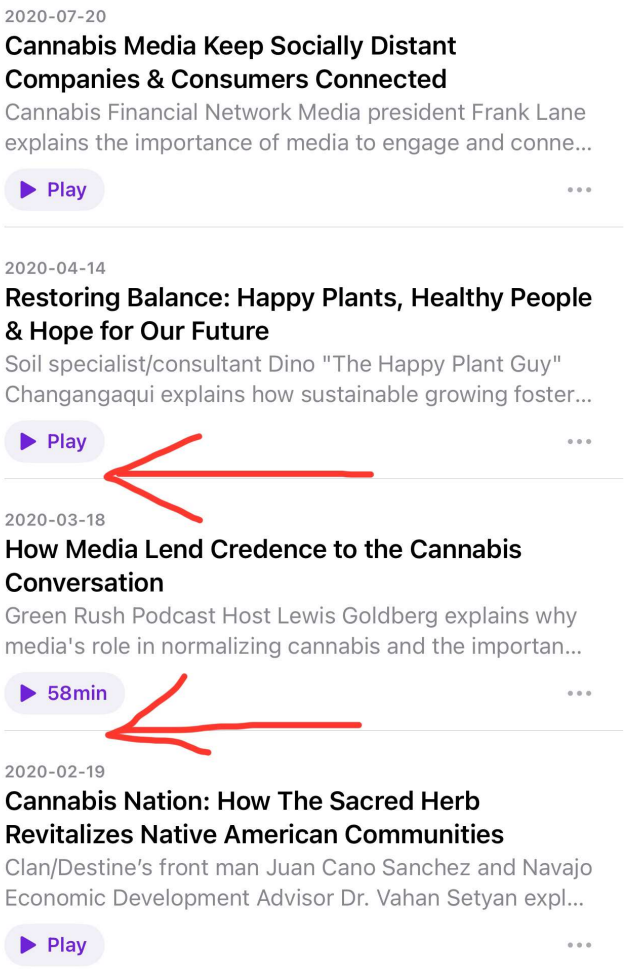
NewMedia No, that's not at all what I said. And I've spent an hour attempting to talk you down from ...

Spencer 2025-01-09 10:42 AM

I will certainly talk to Snowden if she is willing. But the nature of this work is not going to change. People who have spread disinformation will need to take responsibility for their part in that. And, yes, this is *very* important to me.

Spencer 2025-01-09 11:11 AM

Good news, everyone! The episodes have been removed from the Apple Podcasts feed. I will be checking to be sure they are also removed from every other access point but this is a win. This will be noted as happening on Jan 9, 2025. This extended commentary will remain here for just one more day (in case anyone still needs to take their own screenshots) and then the extraneous bits will be removed. The record will reflect this existed and that is subsequently ceased to exist because Snowden did the right thing. Thank you.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"- I skimmed it and generally speaking find it baffling that someone would interview Mikovits at all"

It's even more baffling to say during the interview "your book should be on the new york times bestseller list" but I digress.

At least the stuff is now down thankfully.

If one is going to call oneself a journalist, 10 minutes of due dillegence would have revealed that Mikovits was a known fraud. The story of what happened had been out there for years.

These interviews were right around the time the "Plandemic" movie was poised to launch and the impact of that movie was extreme delerterious to say the least. You could go 10 minutes on social media without without seeing the word "plandemic".

I don't really think I have much further to say about this. QED.

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